

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-219-C - ORDER NO. 2002-191

MARCH 18, 2002

IN RE: Application of LCI International Telecom	) ORDER CANCELLING
Corporation for a Certificate of Public	) CERTIFICATE AND
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local	) WITHDRAWING
Exchange Telecommunications Services within	) TARIFF
the State of South Carolina.	)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Qwest Communications Corporation ("QCC") to cancel LCI International Telecom Corporation's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, issued by the Commission in Order No. 96-761, dated November 4, 1996, in Docket No. 96-219-C.

QCC advises the Commission that the merger of one of its subsidiaries, LCIT, into QCC, which was approved by Commission Order No. 2001-746, dated August 20, 2001, in Docket No. 2001-180-C, has been consummated. Thus, QCC now requests cancellation of LCIT's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a competitive local exchange services provider in the State of South Carolina, effective as of the consummation date of such merger.

By letter dated, January 8, 2002, QCC notified the Commission that the transfer of control of LCIT to QCC approved by Order No. 2001-746, dated August 20, 2001, had been consummated. As provided in Order No. 2001-746, the provisions of the merger are as follows; LCIT would be merged into QCC, with QCC as the surviving corporation.

The certificate of authority, customers and, if any, assets of LCIT in South Carolina would be transferred to QCC, and service would be provided under QCC's tariff. The tariff of LCIT would be adopted by QCC or consolidated into the QCC tariff, as applicable, and revised tariffs would be filed upon completion of restructuring. For the Commission's convenience, QCC provided Attachments A-1 and A-2 to its request for cancellation, which set forth the operating authority of QCC and LCIT prior to and following the merger completed on the consummation date of December 31, 2001.

As LCIT is no longer providing the services for which its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was granted by virtue of the transfer of control approved by Commission Order No. 2001-746, dated August 20, 2001, the Commission finds and concludes that LCIT's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina should be cancelled. A review of the Commission's records shows that LCIT was granted authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina by Order No. 96-761, dated November 4, 1996, in Docket No. 96-219-C.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

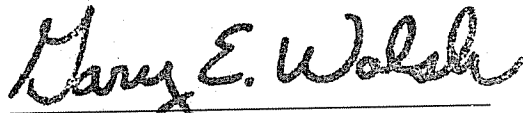
1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services authorized by Order No. 96-761, dated November 4, 1996, issued in the instant docket to LCI International Telecom Corporation is hereby cancelled, effective December 31, 2001, and all applicable tariffs shall be withdrawn.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director  
(SEAL)